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King County dentist suspended for 10 years due to sexual misconduct

OLYMPIA — State health officials have suspended the dental license of King County dentist, Kam Derakshani (DE00007712), due to sexual misconduct.

The Dental Commission referred the case to the Department of Health based on the allegations of sexual misconduct. Derakshani pleaded guilty in King County Superior Court to Rape in the Third Degree, Attempted Rape in the Third Degree and Assault in the Fourth Degree with Sexual Motivation on March 28, 2014.

The suspension completes the legal process that started with the immediate suspension of his license August 8, 2012. Derakshani has no right to apply for reinstatement of his Dental license in Washington for a period of 10 years from the August, 2012 suspension.

The documents can be seen online by clicking "Look up a health care provider" on the Department of Health website; copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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